

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 and 43-45 remain pending in the application. Claims 27-42 and 46-49 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to expedite prosecution. Four independent claims are pending: Claims 1, 10, 19, and 43:

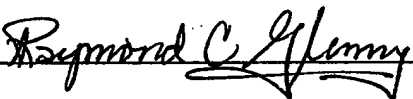
- **Claims 1, 10:** The present Supplemental Amendment essentially adopts the changes to Claims 1 and 10 that the examiner suggested in an examiner-initiated telephone call on August 15, 2005.
- **Claim 19:** The Supplemental Amendment also introduces features into Claim 19 that are similar to those introduced into Claims 1 and 10, rather than explicitly adopting the examiner's suggestion to make Claim 19 depend from Claim 10.
- **Claim 43:** The examiner indicated an intention to allow Claim 43. Claim 43 is not further amended.

The foregoing amendments are made to expedite prosecution of the present case; Applicants do not admit that the amendments are necessary to gain allowance of the claims and reserve the right to pursue unamended claims in continuing applications.

In a telephone call to the examiner on August 18, 2005, the undersigned was informed that an Advisory Action had already been written. The examiner indicated that the Advisory Action was consistent with the examiner's earlier indications. Thus, although this Amendment is filed without reference to the content of the Advisory Action, it is believed that in view of the examiner's helpful suggestions on August 15, 2005, all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Because the Amendment essentially complies with the examiner's suggestions, Applicant submits that the July 6, 2005 Amendment and the present Amendment should both be entered.

In closing, Applicants request that the examiner reconsider and withdraw all objections and rejections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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